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Survey Tools for Residential and Non-Residential Settings

MDCH Stakeholders:

As many of you are already aware, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released a new rule in 2014 for home and community-based services waivers. The new rule affects 1915 (c) waiver programs. The Department has since developed a statewide transition plan to bring its waiver programs into compliance with the new rule.

As part of the transition process, the Department must determine whether settings under these waivers have “home and community-based” characteristics. For this purpose, the Department developed a set of surveys to assess individual settings for home and community-based characteristics.

The following waiver programs will use the survey tools as outlined below:

WAIVER PROGRAM	SURVEY TOOL
Children’s Waiver Program	All settings under this waiver are presumed compliant. The Department will not assess settings using the survey tools.
Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances	All settings under this waiver are presumed compliant. The Department will not assess settings using the survey tools.
Habilitation Supports Waiver	Participant Tool, Provider Tool, and Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan Tool
MI Choice Waiver	Provider Tool
MI Health Link HCBS Waiver	Provider Tool

The Department will accept feedback and comments on the survey tools until February 20, 2015. Feedback and comments can be submitted by email to HCBSTransition@michigan.gov or by mail at:

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The Department will also be developing a scoring system for the assessment at a later date to determine the level of compliance of each setting with the rule.

Additional information about the project and statewide transition plan are available on the Department’s website at www.michigan.gov/mdch >> Health Care Coverage >> Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition.

Thank you for your continued interest and support in this process.

Regards,

Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition Team